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PERMIT INFORMATION GUIDE TO INSTALL A PRIVATE IN-GROUND/ABOVE GROUND SWIMMING POOL

Above ground pools, In-ground pools, and Spa's are regulated by 780 CMR Massachusetts State Building Code (Current edition) and the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC).

1. Permit application - Permit applications are available at Inspections Department office located at 20 Sanderson Street or application may be downloaded from the Inspections Department web site.
2. Site / Plot plan of property - Site / plot plan must show location of existing buildings and structures, site / plot plan must show location of swimming pool and distances to property lines and distance to on-site septic system (If applicable)
3. Above ground pool - copy of manufacturer's specifications for the specific pool being installed.
 - Include type of ladder/steps
 - Dimensions of pool include height.
4. In-ground pool – One set of engineered plans
 - Include details for pool enclosure including height and gate opening
 - If audible alarm is required, submit detail on type and power source
5. Electrical work associated with installation of pool requires a separate permit and inspections.
6. You may wish to check with Greenfield's Board of Health for other regulations that may apply.

CITY OF GREENFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURES / SWIMMING POOLS

~ 200-6.2. Accessory uses and structures.

(a) No accessory structure, except a permitted sign or roadside stand, shall be located within a required front yard area and no accessory structure shall be located closer than three (3) feet to any side or rear lot line. (b) An accessory structure attached to its principal structure or within ten (10) feet of it shall be considered an integral part thereof and as such shall be subject to the front, side and rear yard requirements applicable to the principal structure.

C. Swimming pools.

(1) Every outdoor swimming pool is considered to be an accessory structure which constitutes a hazard whether or not it is filled with water and shall be completely surrounded at all times by a fence or wall not less than four (4) feet in height above grade, which may be the pool wall itself.

(2) Every such fence or wall shall be so constructed as to not have openings, holes or gaps larger than four (4) inches in any dimension except for doors, gates and picket fences; in the latter case, however, the gaps between pickets shall not exceed four (4) inches. ZONING City of Greenfield Zoning Ordinance January 15, 2020 - 58 –

(3) All gates or doors opening through such enclosure shall be of not less than four (4) feet in height and shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device located at least four (4) feet above the underlying ground and inaccessible from the outside to small children. Every such gate or door shall be kept locked at all times when the swimming pool is not in use, and any ladders removed.

(4) A natural barrier, hedge, pool cover or other protective device approved by the Inspector of Buildings may be used in lieu of a fence or wall so long as the degree of protection afforded by the substitute device or structure is not less than the protection afforded by the enclosure, gate, and latch described herein.

**** **INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED**



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